

Happy Holidays from Milwaukee County Supervisor Steven Shea

The 2019 Milwaukee County Budget Has Been Adopted

Compared to recent years, the 2019 Milwaukee County budget process was relatively smooth, despite the growing challenge of balancing a structural deficit. As in previous years, a major challenge to adopting a balanced budget for 2019 was addressing the growing structural budget deficit. The structural deficit arises as the normal inflationary “cost to continue” outpaces the flatter growth rate of current revenue sources. For 2019, the structural deficit was originally projected at \$22.4 million.

Milwaukee County’s fiscal challenges are due in large part to limits that the state legislature has placed on how much revenue the county can raise. Additionally, the county has sent more and more tax revenue to Madison every year since 2009, but the amount we’ve received from Madison to help fund state-mandated services has either flatlined or declined. Milwaukee County is now sending about \$400 million more each year to Madison than we did in 2009. But none of that extra revenue comes back to Milwaukee County in the form of state aid to pay for state-mandated services.

The lack of fairness in state support for Milwaukee County is one reason why County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. and County Executive Chris Abele are working together to achieve a Fair Deal for Milwaukee County. Lipscomb and Abele will co-chair a workgroup to develop viable solutions to this problem. It’s important for state legislators to understand that the lack of fairness could create a real fiscal crisis for Milwaukee County. As the leading economic engine of the state, a fiscal crisis here could have ripple effects throughout the state. Please let your legislators know that a fair deal for Milwaukee County is good for Wisconsin.



Supervisor Shea testifying during Finance & Audit Committee deliberations on the 2019 County budget.



Milwaukee County Sheriff-Elect Earnell Lucas with Supervisor Shea.



Former 8th District Supervisor Pat Jursik with Supervisor Shea following a neighborhood meeting.



Supervisor Shea with a group of constituents following a proposed resolution passing committee.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been an honor to be your Milwaukee County Supervisor since April of this year. I have enjoyed meeting my fellow citizens of the South Shore suburbs at meetings, events, parades, and neighborhood clean-ups.

One thing that has struck me over this last seven months is just how much residents of District 8 love their Milwaukee County Parks. I am serving on the Parks, Energy, and Environment Committee. It is a pleasure to hear so many of my fellow citizens testify eloquently and sincerely about the preservation of the heritage the previous generations have left us. This task will not be easy. Milwaukee County's share of revenue from the state government has not kept pace with the needs.

I want to wish all the residents of the south shore suburbs a safe and happy holiday season. I hope to see you at one or more of the holiday parades.



Sincerely,

Steven Shea - Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 8

Vice-Chair: Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Member: Judiciary, Safety, and General Services Committee

Member: Parks, Energy, and Environment Committee



Supervisor Shea speaking on the floor during a meeting of the Milwaukee County Board.



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